

Alaska Mental Health Board  
**FY 2004-2005 Operating Budget Proposal**

<p>1) <b>Proposer's Name</b>  <b>Consumers Consortium</b></p>	<p>2) Contact Information          Barry Creighton, 54932          Burdock Rd, Kasilof, Alaska          99610, (907) 262-2824,          burdock@ionia.org</p>	<p>3) Program or Service Title  <b>Clubhouses and Other          Consumer Run Programs</b></p>
<p>4) Proposal Description:</p> <p>The Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web's Clubhouse (The Consumer Computer Connection and Clubhouse) as well as experience around the country and world have demonstrated the extreme effectiveness at bargain basement prices of Consumer run clubhouses and other peer support type programs. Funding should be made available that works toward at least one consumer run clubhouse or other consumer run, peer support type program in every community with a Community Mental Health Center. In addition to the very modest funds required to run such a program, funds should be made available for one full-time person to provide technical assistance to these consumer run programs. This technical assistance person should be located outside the Division in order to ensure that the original intent of the position is honored.</p> <p>The technical assistance would include how to form 501(c)(3) non-profits, apply for grants and manage a non-profit, including fiscal and other policies and grant reporting.</p>		
<p>5) Explain geographic area to be served. Are there similar projects/programs in geographic area where collaboration is possible?</p> <p>Statewide. The goal would be to have a consumer-run clubhouse or other consumer run program in every community with a mental health center. The Consumer Consortium itself is a demonstration of how the consumer run programs have gotten together to collaborate in very significant ways. It can be anticipated that all of the consumer run programs would participate in the Consortium.</p>		
<p>6) What AMHB priorities or goals of <i>A Shared Vision II</i> and/or the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan does this proposal support?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consumer Centered Services</li> <li>Consumer Rights</li> <li>Consumer Directed Policy Development</li> <li>Comprehensive System</li> <li>Integrative/Collaborative System</li> <li>Strengths Perspective</li> <li>Home and Community Focus</li> <li>Preventive Services</li> <li>Outcome Based Systems</li> <li>Cost Effectiveness</li> </ul>		
<p>7) How will this proposal improve the quality of life of Trust beneficiaries?</p>		

Consumer-run clubhouses and other programs have been shown to be very effective at improving consumers lives. This runs the gamut from just socializing and acquiring some friends all the way to full recovery from what was considered serious and persistent mental illness.

8) If this is a continuing project, report on status. Indicate not applicable if this is a new project.

N/A

9) Project cost and funding sources

FY 04 \$250,000/MHTAAR

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FY 06 ???

FY 07 ???

FY 08 ???

10) Is capital funding required?

Not *per se*, but there are some capital projects proposed that would be complementary.

11) Are new state employees required? No  
If so, how many?

12) Signature and date